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MEMORANDUM

TO: County/Region Committee Co-Chairs Contract Administrators
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FROM: John R. Pruette, Executive Director 

DATE: April 9, 2009

SUBJECT: 2009-10 More at Four (MAF) Pre-Kindergarten Planning

The Office of School Readiness is preparing for the 2009-10 More at Four year.

The More at Four County/Region committee is required to conduct annual planning for More at Four and approve an implementation plan. Planning should be based on your slot allocation and monthly slot rate for 2008-09 as of April 1, 2009.

A new report is available today in the 2008-09 MAFPlan system to secure the committee signatures required for the 2009-10 plan. To access this report, open MAFPlan, click "Print Menu", then click "09-10 Committee Signature Report" to print the 2009-10 Section 1 and Assurances and Requirements pages.

All committee members must read and agree to the Assurances and Requirements, and sign Section 1, which must be submitted, along with a copy of the minutes of the meeting, to the State Office by May 29.

The proposed Senate budget, as you know, significantly reduces funding for MAF, requires a reduction in the MAF per child funding rate, and changes its focus from that of an education program to an enhanced child care subsidy effort. On the other side, the House budget has not been released. Please know that the Office of School Readiness and the Department of Public Instruction remain committed to preserving the current administrative structure, purpose and funding associated with the program.

Please contact your Program Consultant if you have any questions. We appreciate your work to deliver More at Four Pre-Kindergarten services to at-risk four-year olds. We look forward to the new school year.

